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Automation at the Regional Public Libraries

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Mobile Branch 1 and Mobile Branch 2 of the South Shore Regional Library will never be the same again. Both bookmobiles were parked outside the DownEast Mobility workshop on the Bedford Highway for a long work day on Tuesday March 21. The mobile branches were being outfitted for cellular connectivity to provide the bookmobiles with on line circulation capability.

Each of the South Shore Regional Library mobile branches has the same functions as the fixed branch locations in Bridgewater, Lunenburg and Liverpool. The mobile branches are now also equipped with two laptop computers so that material can be checked in and out for library patrons.

Gates Library Initiative

The Gates Library Initiative has been progressing very well at the Annapolis Valley Regional Library. The total value of additional equipment to branch libraries there is $69,373. Included in the equipment received are 20 software packages for children, 7 reference products and 6 of the Microsoft Productivity packages. Installation of the new equipment is slated for April with Port Williams branch hosting the launch of the program on May 10, 2000. The new Gates equipment has also arrived at Cumberland Regional Library and Western Counties Regional Library. And so library technology is continuing to spread to all regions of Nova Scotia, no matter whether in the city or in the country...

(left) Vanessa Sawatsky has a new Gateway computer on her desk - and one of the famous Gateway boxes can be seen in the photo. Mike Purcell from Nova Scotia Provincial Library is shown helping out with some technical problems.

Scott MacMullen and Verna DeViller, (right to left), have been testing the computers for the Western Counties Regional Library Gates Lab.

The delivery van has been arriving quite regularly at Western Regional Library headquarters with yet another load of "cows" to deliver!

Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)

CAP

The Community Access Program (CAP) proposal submitted in October 1999 has been approved. This proposal was developed in partnership with the Career Resource Centre in Kentville and will assist the Resource Centre to be open for public Internet access during some evening and weekend hours. The Kentville Branch will receive two additional workstations complete with wiring and furniture. AVRL is also a partner in a CAP proposal which has been approved for the Bridgetown Development Centre. This proposal will see a training lab established in the same building as the headquarters office.

Open House Celebrations

As mentioned above, the Port Williams branch will launch the Gates program in this region. On this date the change in service delivery for the region will also be promoted. In addition to the installation of the Gates equipment each branch will have at least one Reference Express terminal. These workstations will offer quick access to reference tools and the library's catalog, as well as many other services. Patron initiated holds and the submission of requests via the Internet will also be launched at this time. The final change in service to be introduced at this time is access to the Infotrac full text journal databases outside the library facilities by using library cards. Patrons will be able to use the

online databases from home or office as long as they have a valid library card.

Branch News

Monthly Scrabble Fests continue in the Community Room at the Wolfville Memorial Library. This has become very popular with people of all ages bringing scrabble boards for a Saturday afternoon and enjoying hot drinks. On March 19 a launch of Harry Thurston's new Book, *If Men Lived on Earth*, published by Gaspereau Press took place at the Wolfville Memorial Library. The author was on hand to read from this new work of poetry. A Dr. Seuss Pancake Breakfast was held on March 25 (during March Break) to raise funds for the Friends of the Windsor Regional Library Society. The breakfast was accompanied by readings from Dr. Seuss books. Thanks to the Atlantic Superstore which offered space and food.

Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

The Sydney and Cape Breton Bookmobile Branches have recently started issuing a newly designed Cape Breton Regional Library Card, for which an in-service was given to prepare the staff for the necessary changes in procedure when issuing library cards. The new plastic cards are receiving positive comments from both staff and patrons, and both groups have expressed excitement at seeing the Region nearing the goal of automation.

The Cape Breton Regional Library recently received a shipment of new Scottish materials compliments of the Highland Regional Library. The material is a substantial gift, worth approximately $2,400 (Canadian). It includes both adult and juvenile titles, many of which are in Gaelic. The twinning of the two library regions began in the mid-eighties to promote mutual understanding and friendship between the two regions. Over the years there have been staff exchanges, where staff from Scotland have spent a few weeks working here at the Cape Breton Regional System, and staff from CBRL have spent time working in Scotland. Although there has not been an exchange since the early 1990's, the sharing of materials has continued. CBRL periodically sends the Highland Regional Library local publications for their Cape Breton Collection, and they gift CBRL with Scottish material. This has been especially beneficial for our Gaelic collection.

While participating at the YMCA's Home Show on April 8 and 9, the library booth was visited by approximately 380 people. It is the second time that CBRL has been a participant in the home show, and it as an ideal venue to promote the library. Thank-you to Headquarters, and McConnell staff who tended the booth over the two days. Faye MacDougall and Theresa MacDonald (right to left) take a break after setting up the booth.

April was Library Card Month. The library, in partnership with the Cape Breton Post offered special events, promotions, and contests throughout the month. One promotion held throughout the month was taking a Power Point presentation about the Library to Grade Four classes throughout the region. The sessions were very successful, and as a result of these visits, Summer Reading statistics may see an increase this year.

The 50th Anniversary celebrations are continuing. Check out the Home Page at http://www.cbrl.ns.ca for a schedule of events, as well as some great historical information and photographs. The 50th

Anniversary Link should be operational by May 1, 2000.

The Cape Breton Regional Library was very happy to participate in the Hackmatack reading program this year. The number of children who participated in Hackmatack was small, but the number of titles that they read was impressive. The six who completed the program in the North Sydney Library Hackmatack Group read a total of 60 books! When asked if they would have picked up those particular titles, the children responded that they didn't think that they would have, but very much enjoyed the books from the Hackmatack list. CBRL staff and patrons are looking forward to the visit from children's author Kevin Major in the middle of May, and all appreciate the opportunity to meet this successful Atlantic Canadian writer.

Colchester-East Hants Regional Library (CEHRL)

As public libraries strive to make their services open to everyone, it is often the physical plants that need adjustment to suit the needs of the community. A case in point: the 32 year old cement ramp at the Truro Branch was too steep and had seriously deteriorated over the years. Now the main branch has a new wooden ramp with handrails and a door that opens with the push of a button. As is often the case, staff did not know how great a problem it had been for some patrons until after the work had been done and then they received a great deal of positive feedback on the improved accessibility.

The spring 2000 issue of the magazine *In2 Print* announced the winners of the Canada Book Day Poster Contest. Organizers were amazed to receive thousands of entries from all regions of Canada, each celebrating a favourite Canadian book or series of books. Jaya Fahey, a student who works in our Truro Branch, submitted a poster on Kit Pearson's *Guests of War Trilogy* and won honourable mention!

Wendy Robichaud, Community Liaison Officer with the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library, was selected as the Volunteer of the Year for 1999 by the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce. Her contribution to the chamber's International Tulip Festival was described as "progressive, significant and most effective." Among her many volunteer activities, Wendy is active with the Debert Military Museum. She is an education graduate from St. Mary's University in Halifax, with a diploma in Community Economic Development. Congratulations, Wendy!

Cumberland Regional Library (CURL)

Recent Programs and Events

Hackmatack nominated author Elaine Breault-Hammond from Charlottetown came and read excerpts from her children's book "Secrets Under the Whirlpool." She is shown here with some of the young Hackmatack readers.

Two Cumberland county patrons have recently shown their generosity towards CURL. Dorothy Taylor left the sum of $5,000 for the Parrsboro branch library. As a home bound patron, Ms. Taylor depended on branch assistant Saundra Spence to deliver books for her reading interest and Saundra made these deliveries on her own time. Long time patron Allen Hayward has donated several crafts to the library and his latest contribution is a hand made birchbark fishing basket.

During the past two months the Amherst branch of the Cumberland Regional Library has hosted a series of income tax clinics to help people on low income with their tax returns. The response has been positive and reflects community appreciation for volunteer services. Special thanks to Customs and Revenue Canada who organized the clinics, Eugene Mooney and the library's own Debbie Ripley for

volunteering their time. Another useful program was the resume writing and interview skills workshop conducted by Sue Lemon, Human Resource Officer for Mount Allison University in early April. An enthusiastic group questioned Sue on the skills needed to successfully find employment in the local area. Future events will include a seminar on gardening by Debbie Ripley.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

(left to right) Rhonda Strachan, Anne Leblanc, Sandra Dixon, Gillian Webster, Mildred Carrigan, Anne Campbell, Aurea Gillis, Kenneth David, Joyce Oliver-Snair and Ira Andrews.

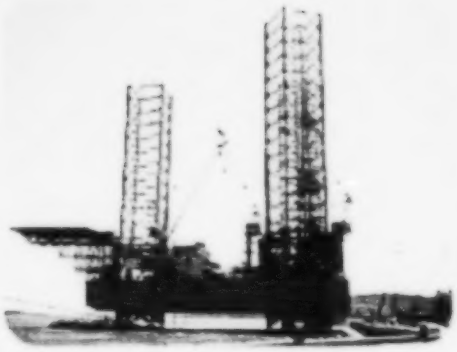
Gillian Webster, Provincial Library staff member, spoke at a recent workshop on Internet Search Engines and Selected Sites for Job Searching to Eastern Counties public service library assistants. As anyone who works in a public library knows, information about job searching, writing resumes and interview skills is in high demand. This is particularly true in the high unemployment area serviced by the Eastern Counties Regional Library. Library patrons are often seeking advice on how to find employment information and many are not aware of what information is available online.

The overview of Internet Search Engines brought staff up to date on the latest tools and the appropriate use of each. Both sessions gave front-line staff the opportunity to take time out of a busy schedule to improve their own knowledge and skills. Knowledgeable staff is the key element to providing effective information services in Nova Scotia's small communities.

At a recent meeting in the Cyril Ward Memorial Library in Guysborough, Reverend Kelsey met with local residents to discuss the history of the County's black population. In a thought provoking discussion, Mr. Kelsey brought to life many images of the strength of racism. He brought his audience on an exploration of the past, the present and the future and left them with much food for thought concerning future directions and ingredients for change.

Reverend Kelsey (right) and library patron at the Guysborough Branch Library

The Town of Mulgrave and the public library have new visitors these days, as staff from the Rowan Gorilla III (shown right) visit the town and drop by the library. The public access computers are in demand as the workers e-mail family and friends back home and the library's collection is handy for that bit of leisure reading. The oil rig is docked at the Mulgrave Marine Terminals for a re-fit and is expected to be in town for approximately two months.



Halifax Regional Library

Canada Book Day

In celebration of Canada Book Day, April 27, the nominees were revealed for the 2000 Atlantic Writing Awards. The Awards recognize excellence in books published in the previous calendar year. The Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia announced the shortlists for the Atlantic Poetry Prize, the Thomas Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award, and the Evelyn Richardson Memorial Literary Award. The Nova Scotia Library Association announced the finalists for the Ann Connor Brimer Award for Children's Literature, and joining the others for the first time the Dartmouth Book & Writing Awards Steering Committee, the Halifax Regional Library, and the Halifax Regional Municipality officially unveiled the shortlisted titles for the 12th Annual Dartmouth Book & Writing Awards.

Winners of each award will be presented on May 26 at the Atlantic Writing Awards Ceremony at the Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth. The ceremony will round out a week-long schedule of events held throughout the four Atlantic provinces. Atlantic Book Week will include an official launch introducing the Spring Book List, a salute of Children's Literature, and will feature readings with authors sharing their nominated works. For more information on the Atlantic Book Week and a list of events call the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia at 423-8116 or visit the website: www.chebucto.ns.ca/Culture/WFNS/index.html.

The Mayor's Award for Cultural Achievement in Literature

On May 26, 2000 the recipient of the first ever Mayor's Award for Cultural Achievement in Literature will also be announced. This annual prize of $1,000 will be presented to a resident of the Halifax Regional Municipality who has made a significant contribution to the literary life of the community. The selection committee is comprised of a member from the Dartmouth Book and Writing Awards Steering Committee, and representatives from the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Regional Library. For more information on the Mayor's Award for Cultural Achievement in Literature call Andrew Cox at 490-4729.This award is made possible with the assistance of the Tourism, Culture and Heritage Department, the Dartmouth Book and Writing Awards, and the Halifax Regional Library.

Two New Branches in the Future for the Halifax Regional Library

The Keshen Goodman Public Library site in the Mainland Commons, Halifax.

(left to right) Stewart Adams, HOK Canada, MacFawn & Rogers Architects; Councillor Bill Stone, Prince's Lodge - Clayton Park West; and Judith Hare, Chief Executive Officer, Halifax Regional Library.

The Halifax Regional Library has two new branch libraries slated to open in 2001. The Keshen Goodman Public Library and a new branch in the Tantallon area of Halifax Regional Municipality. Design of the Keshen Goodman Public Library is well underway. This branch of the Halifax Regional Library is designed to replace the Thomas Raddall Public Library which no longer meets the needs of a growing community. The 2,320 square metre (25,000 square feet) library is funded through a bequest from Marion Keshen in memory of the Keshen Goodman family.

A 6,400 square metre (69,000 square feet) Recreation Facility will also be located on the site. The two new facilities will be located on a selected 2.5-hectare (6-acre) site at the eastern entrance to the Mainland Commons property in the Clayton Park area of Halifax. The Recreation Facility which will be owned and operated by the Parks and Recreation Services Department of the Halifax Regional Municipality is being planned, but will not be built until funding is made available in the next few years. The different sources of funding for the two facilities means the project will be built in two distinct phases. When both facilities are complete they will be linked through the entrance lobby.

At a recent meeting of Halifax Regional Council, the Halifax Regional Library Board and the HRM Recreation Facilities Department presented the Site Planning Study and Library Design Update for the Keshen Goodman Public Library and the Mainland Commons Recreation Facility. The Site Planning Study results from a collaborative work process including the Halifax Regional Library, HRM Parks and Recreation Services as well as members of the public through a public consultation process.

The new single level library will have a collection capacity of over 100,000 volumes and improved access to public use computers, including a family computer area. The building will be composed of two parts: a carpeted main hall with 18-foot high ceilings, and an entry wing. The entry wing will have stone floors and café area with a fireplace. An adult reading lounge will be located at the north end, facing Lacewood Drive and the children's area will be located at the south end with views of a wooded area. The new library will have three meeting rooms with state-of-the-art audio-visual infrastructure and a computer training classroom. The main building materials are wood, steel, glass and stone. Parking for one hundred cars will be provided and will also serve as parking for the "trailhead" leading to the Mainland Commons walking trails.

Clearing of the site will begin this spring with construction to follow by September 2000. The scheduled date for opening of the Keshen Goodman Public Library is fall 2001. To keep up to date on the Keshen Goodman Public Library Project watch for a new link coming soon to the Halifax Regional Library website: www.chebucto.ns.ca/Libraries/HCRL/HalifaxLibraryHome.html .

Approval for construction of the Tantallon branch was announced by HRM Council in March of this

year. This 1,114 square metre (12,000 square feet) library is scheduled to open January 2001. The library is proposed as a free standing building in the Tantallon Plaza, similar in size and layout to the Sackville Public Library. Residents will have an opportunity to provide input into the library programs and services through a public consultation process. Lease negotiations are underway, work on the building program will begin in May.

Hurray for Harry!

March Break was memorable for many fans of the popular fantasy Harry Potter series by author J.K. Rowling. Donning their favourite Harry Potter garb, hundreds of children attended Harry Potter events in eight Halifax Regional Library branches. Libraries were transformed into the magical world of Hogwarts' School of Wizardry complete with transformation and divination classes and a game of the broomstick sport, *Quidditch*.

Librarian Cynthia Gatto welcomes children into Hogwarts' School of Wizardry at the Alderney Gate Public Library's Harry Potter event. Many thanks go to Raincoast Books for providing prize packages for the Library's Harry happenings.

At the Alderney Gate Library's Harry Potter Party children suggested new flavours for Harry's Every Flavour Jelly Beans – you see, in the Harry's world, chocolate is used as medicine and jelly beans can taste like tangerines or toadstools! Here are some delectable winning suggestions: kiwi-newt-lime, tulip, soap, polka-dot sour blueberry swirls, dandelion, frog lips, chocolate fish, and sawdust chalk.

(left) Ivy Jones knows the secret meaning of the lightening bolt tattoo and all the magic found when you depart from Platform 9¾. Do you?

South Shore Regional Library

A visit to the Liverpool Branch has earned a local man a major windfall. Leonard Grant of nearby Brooklyn borrowed a copy of Canadian Home Workshop magazine from the DeWolfe Memorial Library. At his wife's encouragement he entered his latest project, a 17' wooden kayak, in a contest sponsored by the magazine. Several months later a phone call advised that he was one of five national winners from more than 600 entries. Thanks to the library, Mr. Grant is now the owner of $3,500 worth of tools and building supplies.

(right) Lunenburg Hardware co-owner Margaret Towndrow and staff at the South Shore Regional Library Lunenburg branch collaborated on this springtime display of gardening books and tools in the hardware store window during mid March and April.

The two mobile branches of the South Shore Regional Library are now well outfitted for on line circulation for patron check in and check out.

Staff are busy firming up plans for the 2000 Nova Scotia Libraries Association annual conference. **Libraries – Beacons of Light** is the conference theme and we are excited to report that Canada's National Librarian, Roch Carrier, will be our keynote speaker. Mark your calendars, October 27 - 29, 2000 at White Point Beach Resort in beautiful Queens County. For more information, visit the website at http://www.library.ns.ca/nsla/conference.html.

Western Counties Regional Library

Adopt-A-Book 2000 Off to a Great Start!

The sounds of the jazz/swing quartet *Chimera* heralded the regional launch of Adopt-A-Book 2000 at the Yarmouth branch library on April 7.

The sounds of the jazz/swing quartet *Chimera*, *The Ray Muise Trio*, and karaoke performer Maria Bridgeo heralded the regional launch of Adopt-A-Book 2000 at the Yarmouth branch library on April 7. The goal of Adopt-A-Book, sponsored by CJLS, is to have 1000 books adopted by June 30. Launch day opened with 166 books adopted. The bookmetre climbed another 3 slots in the week ending April 14, bringing the total to 324. One week into the campaign and the library had achieved a third of its goals! The dollar value of the books adopted by April 14 stood at $6,800 with the average price of an adopted book being $20.98. Major donations on opening day included $1000 from the Shelburne Friends of the Library Group, combined donations from Friends groups in Lockeport, Clark's Harbour, Pubnico, and Clare totaled over $1000, and the Pubnico Community Centre donated $500. The library received many early adoptions as a result of a pre-campaign mail-out. You can check out the weekly progress of Adopt-A-Book on our bookmetre by logging on to our web site at **http://www.library.ns.ca/regionals/wcr/index/html**.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM, NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Did you know that you could study for a Library and Information Technology diploma over the web? The Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) offers its complete 21-course program via distance education. Students, who must have access to the web and e-mail, can study where and when they want, although assignments and courses must be completed within certain deadlines. Assignments are submitted via e-mail and we use a web board provided by the NSCC Virtual Campus for class discussions and presentations.

Distance delivery of the Program began in the early 1990s using audiographics packages, a combination of teleconferencing and computer graphics. As the technology improved we quickly moved through three systems provided by the Learning Resources and Technology Division of the Department of Education: Vis-à-vis, Smart 2000, and FarSite. In the fall of 1999 we changed to web-based delivery, which provides more flexibility in where and when students study and allows delivery of the Program outside Nova Scotia.

There are approximately seventy-five people enrolled in the distance education program. Most are from Nova Scotia but we have representatives from all Atlantic Provinces and from as far away as Labrador. Most registrants are already working in libraries or related institutions.

Courses currently underway are Business Communications in Libraries, Popular Literature and Records Management II. Beginning in September 2000 we will offer five courses in each of the fall, winter and summer trimesters. It takes 5-7 years to complete the Program this way if a student takes one course per term.

The first graduates of the distance education program received their diplomas in 1998. Eight people have graduated so far and there are a number of students nearing graduation. To learn more about the program visit our web site temporarily located at **http://home.istar.ca/~allegrow/Programindex.htm** and to see all the campus locations, go to **http://www.nscc.ns.ca/lrc/campus.htm**.

THE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (SLIS)

Last month's column focused on student projects at SLIS, so we're taking this opportunity to bring you up to date on some of the faculty's current projects. For instance, Bertrum MacDonald is part of an international team studying the history of the book in Canada. He will be using geographical information systems (GIS) to identify variables in book distribution. Louise Spiteri currently is conducting a study focusing on user-based evaluation of Internet search engines. She is also examining the effectiveness of information organization on e-commerce web sites. Haidar Moukdad and Louise Spiteri are examining Web-based searcher behavior, with a particular focus on search features used in the WebCrawler search engine. Haidar Moukdad also is finishing his thesis analyzing the effectiveness of English-language information retrieval algorithms for Arabic-language databases.

Elaine Toms is working with Wendy Duff of the University of Toronto on a project that will assess the utility and usability of archival descriptions. Heidi Julien is studying success factors in information literacy instruction in Canadian academic libraries. She is also investigating information behavior (i.e. how people interact with information) in daily life situations, focusing particularly on affective aspects. Vivian Howard is editing a book, tentatively entitled "The Best of the YA Hotline," which will be a joint Dalhousie Occasional Papers/Scarecrow Press publication. She also has been appointed as a YA fiction reviewer for VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates).

Among the many projects with which Norman Horrocks is involved, is the Association for Library and Information Science Education Oral History Project. This project is developing a plan for collection of oral histories of Library and Information Studies Educators, which will be publicized via the Association's web site.

As you can see, faculty are involved in a wide range of projects, all of which informs what is taught, and which is expected to make a contribution to the field of library and information studies. Staff welcome questions about these projects or any other aspect of SLIS activities and programs. Contact the Director, Bertrum MacDonald, at: macdonal@is.dal.ca, (902) 494-2472. And please visit the web site at: **http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis**.

INFORMATION RIGHTS WEEK IN HALIFAX

Information Matters: Evaluate it Before You Use it

The School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) and the University Computing and Information Services at Dalhousie University along with several university libraries sponsored a series of events to coincide with Information Rights Week, which was celebrated nation-wide April 3-7. IT Monday featured a lecture for eighty people on "Information Architecture for Websites" given by Elaine Toms and Ruth Blades. Among the tips given were that no page should be deeper than three mouse clicks away. However, while there are no standards in this area yet, there soon may be! Ruth and Elaine are attending the first international conference on information architecture in April. A copy of their presentation is available at **http://is.dal.ca/~mist/itmonday.ppt**.

During the week three sessions dubbed "Especially for Faculty" were held. Ann Barratt gave a presentation called "Evaluating Health Information Web Sites", emphasizing concerns such as credibility of a given site and privacy of user information. A copy of the presentation with embedded links to demonstrated web pages is available at **http://www.library.dal.ca/kellogg/internet/evaluate.htm**. Sharon Murphy held a session on web research for architects and engineers.

Ian Colford gave a talk on "Web Resources in the Humanities" which emphasized some of the major English sources, since that is Ian's subject specialty. The EServer at Carnegie Mellon has been online for ten years; today it offer 27,241 works online at **http://eserver.org**. There's a good site at **www.bibliomania.com** and

the Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy at **http://www.utm.edu/research/iep**. There was also mention of Early English Books Online at www.lib.umi.com/eebo and those interested in early English texts (1475-1700) can get a small taste of it free from this site. Many other useful subject links were featured at **www.library.dal.ca/ssh/hum.html**. A self-paced workshop on evaluation criteria in the humanities is also located at this site.

SLIS sponsored its Showcase 2000 of student and faculty work on April 7. Thirty four first year students from Elaine Toms' Database Management Systems class created a variety of databases using Microsoft Access software. Projects ranged from how to keep track of people such as actors or products like cigars, to more research oriented databases where one searches by keyword for a particular topic, such as rival company information or feminism.

The ten second year students in the Multimedia Systems class led by Haidar Moukdad created multimedia presentations using Macromedia Authorware 5 software. Projects brought to life through embedded audio, video and image files included presentations on *The Hobbit*, *Othello* and *Dr. Who*. For more information on SLIS, visit the web site at http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis.

COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM (CAP) CONFERENCE

A CAP conference took place March 31 and April 1 at the Kespuwick Training Centre at Cornwallis Park in the Annapolis Valley. The Annapolis/Digby Regional CAP Coordinator, Victor Mutch, was the MC. The program featured many interesting sessions. Sharon Elliot delivered a session on Internet Safety, discussing how the RCMP Seniors Safety Program was implemented in May of 1996 to help keep seniors safe and healthy in their own homes. The program focuses on prevention by empowering seniors to access and use information to become security conscious and alert consumers. Mike Durkee spoke on the topic "Accessing Consumer Health Information via the WWW." Several speakers addressed the sustainability of CAP sites. Sandra Rowter put it

this way, "Sustainability is an issue that all organizations have to deal with, and usually it boils down to money. Coming up with new ideas for fund raising is always a challenge." Walter Miller and Bill Heppell of the Port Mouton newly established CAP discussed how they hope to achieve sustainability of the Port Mouton site by using a user pay system and explained their partnership with the White Point Beach Resort. Michael Colborne, Coordinator of User Services, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, introduced the Media Awareness Network's web awareness program to the conference. To read more about this conference, please visit the website at **http://www3.ns.sympatico.ca/page.works/confer/textpage/confer.html**.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) CONFERENCE

Promoting Libraries in Community Economic Development (CED)

Recently in Sydney, Nova Scotia there was a Community Economic Development (CED) conference called "Taking Root, Communities Standing on Solid Ground." The 215 participants were from all four Atlantic Provinces and represented many organizations such as seniors groups, CAP sites, Rural Development Associations (RDA) and co-operatives from communities in rural and coastal areas. Wendy Robichaud, Community Liaison Officer with the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library, recently attended this first Annual Conference on Community Development sponsored by the Nova Scotia Citizens for Community Development Society, and sent the following report.

It was a very intensive three days with most of those in attendance working hard to learn as much as possible and network with each other throughout the day and evening sessions. Some topics focused on community re-investments requirements for banks, the Genuine Progress Index (GPI), policy analysis in CED, Canadian Rural Partnerships, Community Capacity Building as well as the popular session, the *Board from Hell and How it got to Heaven*. Through small meetings on the third day of the conference, a report was compiled on the topics discussed in our facilitated sessions. This provincial report was delivered to a national conference in Magog, Quebec, April 27 - 30 by Joanne Fewer, the chair of "Taking Root."

The Nova Scotia Provincial Library display unit was set up for the Trade Show, which had over 35 presentations, next to the Rural Partnerships and UCCB, in the wide hallways of the Canadian Coast Guard College. Generally there was a puzzled reaction to the presence of public libraries until a handout was presented followed by a talk on how libraries were important to CED. In spite of the first reaction, the handout was distributed to as many of the participants as possible and several came after sessions with questions which were referred back, as much as possible, to the home branch librarians.

Partnerships with CED and Public Libraries

During most lectures at the conference it was possible to relate something to libraries, their unique service to communities or to their link with information and technology. Community Economic Development (CED) is a broad approach to various kinds of people-related, organizational and business relationships that create sustainability within all sizes of communities. This is a growing field of study and work relationships in Nova Scotia, in which libraries can play a vital role. The libraries have many of the basics for the CED process already in place such as library branches throughout the province and trained research staff that are part of their community. A branch in any community adds an infusion of wages; it buys locally when possible; and is an added community value to businesses looking to establish in a new location - all of which benefits the local economy.

Libraries have been supporters of family literacy, small businesses and information through technology which are three critical themes in CED. Certificate and diploma courses, which are available to public library staff, are being offered throughout Nova Scotia and once a proposal is written, costs are often covered by Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC). With CED as an established working model between government and communities, it would be appropriate for libraries to consider this approach when the branches are seeking opportunities to meet the needs of the diverse communities they serve.

In conclusion, there is more work to be done in the future for presentations on libraries working with CED so

that libraries can become a recognized ingredient of community economic development since libraries are very much part of the process but not yet well acknowledged.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

Nova Scotia's Summer Reading Programme Update

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Programme is sailing and the Tall Ships. Visit the official Tall Ships 2000 Nova Scotia site at http://www.tallships2000.ns.ca

Studies have shown that students who read during the summer will have improved reading levels when school resumes in September. Every year the nine regional public libraries across the province of Nova Scotia encourage children and young people to read during the summer months by offering a variety of special activities such as story times, craft activities, games and author readings.

Since 1993 the Nova Scotia Summer Reading Programme has encouraged young readers, from every age group - pre-schoolers to age seventeen. It's broken into three age categories: pre-school to age six; seven to nine; and ten and up. The programme is coordinated each year by the Council on Youth Services, which is comprised of representatives from each of the nine regional public libraries, and the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. In the summer of 1999 about 8,500 young people across Nova Scotia participated in reading programme activities.

"Each region runs its own individual program," says Arlene Watts, special services library assistant with the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, part of the Department of Education. "Students read a certain number of books, then they get to submit a form to the provincial library, and we draw for prizes."

Those prizes include a "bag of books" supplied for the past five years by Tattletales Books, and the prize book are tied to each year's theme, and the draw is coordinated with International Literacy Day. The theme of this year's programme is sailing and the Tall Ships.

Themes of past summer reading programmes include:

1999 - Launch yourself into a good book (space theme)
1998 - Kids connect at the library (modern theme)
1997 - Reading; joust for the fun of it (medieval theme)
1996 - Books; the real treasure (treasure theme)
1995 - Be a Readasaurus (dinosaur theme)
1994 - Whale of a Tale! (whale theme)
1993 Hats off to reading! (bookworm theme)

A number of items are produced each year related to the theme, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, posters, pencils, bookmarks, buttons, fridge magnets, book logs and mouse pads. The regional public libraries employ these items in a variety of ways, including using them as achievement prizes and incentives.

Students can obtain books at any one of the 75 branches of the nine Regional Public libraries. The official kick-off week for Nova Scotia's Summer Reading Programme begins June 26.

(By Joey Fitzpatrick, reprinted from The Chronicle-Herald/The Mail-Star. This article appeared in The Halifax Herald/Mail Star, Monday, April 17 as part of their Education Week Supplement.)

Staffing Notes

Shirley MacLeod began April 3 as Assistant Automation Specialist replacing Michael Vandenburg. Shirley recently completed a year long position as Media Librarian for Learning Resources & Technology. Prior to that, she was at the Halifax Campus, Nova Scotia Community College where she was employed as a Librarian and also as an Instructor in the Library Technician Program.

Frank Streicher started to revamp the old Hackmatack Web Site at the beginning of April. He is expected to finish the project by the end of May, at which time he will return to his e-commerce consulting business. Before his switch to the IT field, Frank worked as a free-lance translator after lecturing for a number of years at Dalhousie University.

Training Notes

Staff Training Workshops

Frank Oram in the User Services Section of the Provincial Library conducted a training workshop on *Global Tourism Sources* for members of the Nova Scotia Community College and the regional libraries. Gillian Webster held one session on *Re-visiting Search Engines* and one on *Canadian Statistics on the Internet*. Carol Morris held one session on *Sources of Company Information*.

HOT TIPS & UPDATES

Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia Conference

The Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia is holding its annual conference "New Beginnings 2000" at the Wandlyn Inn, Amherst, Nova Scotia from Friday, May 12 to Sunday, May 14. The guest speaker is Jane Purves, Minister of Education. Highlights include a workshop on "Relationships between public and school libraries" at which the speakers will be Laurette Mackey, CEO, York Cty, New Brunswick; Kitty Forrestall, Deputy Librarian, Annapolis Valley Regional Library and Jessica MacLennan, School Library Consultant, Department of Education. A second session is "Roles and relationships between LBANS, NSLA, CORL, and the Provincial Library." The speakers will include Trudy Amirault, Council of Regional Librarians (CORL); Betsy Armstrong, Nova Scotia Provincial Librarian; Gary Archibald, President, Canadian Library Trustees Association (CLTA); Alan Wilson, Vice-President Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS)and Ron Bulmer, President, Nova Scotia Provincial Library Association (NSLA). There will also be a panel discussion "Censorship and the public library" with Karen Dahl, Youth Resources co-Manager, Halifax Regional Library and Fred Vaughan, retired Professor, University of Guelph. A visit to the Anne Murray Centre and the Springhill Miners' Museum is included. For program details, please contact Frances Newman, at tel: 902-667-1767 or fax 902-667-1360 or email fnewman@nsamc.library.ns.ca.

HACKMATACK NEWS

Hackmatack Award, 1999-2000

Elaine Breault-Hammond from Charlottetown is a Hackmatack nominated author who came and read excerpts from her children's book "Secrets Under the Whirlpool" to young fans at the Cumberland Regional Library in April. She is shown here with Monika Sormova, the Hackmatack Program Co-ordinator.

This first year of the Hackmatack project has been incredibly successful! Over four hundred reading groups registered to join the project. Groups from schools, community reading groups and libraries in all four Atlantic provinces have enjoyed the selection of ten fiction and ten non-fiction books suitable for young readers between the ages of nine and twelve years of age. As well as the support from the reading groups, the project has received considerable amounts of federal, provincial and corporate funding and great support from Atlantic and provincial library associations. Special funding was obtained from the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, $5,000, which provided book purchase support to schools involved in the project in Nova Scotia.

Excitement is now mounting - who will be the favourite author from the fiction writers group? Who will be the favourite author from the non-fiction writers group? The week beginning May 15 will bring the answers... Authors from Newfoundland, Ontario, Quebec and Prince Edward Island will be arriving in Nova Scotia to join local writers in readings at over thirty locations in the province. Then, on May 20, there will be the Hackmatack Award Ceremony at the Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth, where the winners will be announced. Three hundred of the young readers will be at the ceremony and cheering for their own favourite author. So, who will it be? Ken Oppel or Sheree Fitch? Kevin Major or Linda Granfield?

We'll post the winners to the APLA listserv on May 20, 2000. And, for the new Hackmatack shortlist for 2001 - here are the books to read, buy, tell your young friends about...

An Atlantic Children Choice Book Award

Twenty new Canadian children's books have been recently nominated for the 2001 Hackmatack Award. The fiction and non-fiction titles will be read and evaluated by young readers in Atlantic Canada in the upcoming school year.

FICTION

Mikayla's Victory
by Cynthia Bates
James Lorimer, 1998
1-55028-638-2 paper $8.95
1-55028-639-0 cloth $16.95

Dragonfire
by Karleen Bradford
HarperCollins, 1997
0-00-648065-9 paper $12.95
0-00-648180-9 mass market $5.99

The Other Author Arthur
by Sheree Fitch
Pottersfield Press, 1999
1-895900-20-4 paper $9.95

Explosion at Dawson Creek
by Elaine Breault Hammond
Ragweed, 1998
0-921556-75-6 paper $7.95

The Secret of Gabi's Dresser
by Kathy Kacer
Second Story, 1999
1-896764-15-0 paper $6.95

Miracle at Willowcreek
by Annette LeBox
Second Story, 1998
1-896764-04-5 paper $7.95

Sunwing
by Kenneth Oppel
HarperCollins, 1999
0-00-648166-3 paper $14.95

Boy of the Deeps
by Ian Wallace
Douglas & McIntyre, 1999
0-88899-356-0 cloth $16.95

The Hydrofoil Mystery
by Eric Walters
Viking/Penguin Canada, 1999
0-14130-220-8 paper $6.99
0-670-88186-4 cloth $22.99

The Cat That Barked
by Budge Wilson
Pottersfield Press, 1998
1-895900-17-4 paper $7.95

NON-FICTION

A Barnyard Bestiary
by David Bouchard
Orca, 1999
1-55143-131-9 cloth $17.95

Bald Eagles
series The Untamed World
by Karen Dudley
Weigl, 1998
0-919879-94-2 paper $12.95

Circus
by Linda Granfield
Douglas & McIntyre, 1997
0-88899-292-0 cloth $19.95

Muslim Child
by Rukhsana Khan
Napoleon, 1999
0-929141-61-X cloth $13.50

Alexander Graham Bell: An Inventive Life
by Elizabeth MacLeod
Kids Can Press, 1999
1-55074-458-5 paper $6.95
1-55074-456-9 cloth $16.95

Blue Whales
series The Untamed World
by Patricia Miller-Schroeder
Weigl, 1998
0-919879-93-4 paper $12.95

52 Days by Camel: My Sahara Adventure
by Lawrie Raskin with Debora Pearson
Annick Press, 1998
1-55037-518-0 paper $14.95
1-55037-519-9 cloth $24.95

Graveyards of the Dinosaurs
by Shelley Tanaka
Scholastic, 1998
0-590-12447-1 paper $7.99
0-590-12446-3 cloth $

By Truck to the North: My Arctic Adventure
by Andy Turnbull with Debora Pearson
Annick Press, 1998
1-55037-550-4 paper $14.95
1-55037-551-2 cloth $$24.95

The Inuksuk Book
by Mary Wallace
Owl Books, 1999
1-895688-91-4 paper $12.95

1-895688-90-6 cloth $19.95

For more information on the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award, please e-mail hackmatack@hackmatack.ca or call (902) 424-3774.

Hackmatack Finalists on the Web

The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award is an Atlantic Canadian book award that allows children to choose their favourite Canadian and Atlantic Canadian books. In this issue, we feature the last article about the 1999-2000 Fiction Shortlist and the 1999-2000 Non-Fiction Shortlist. The fiction title is *Wings to Fly* by Celia Barker Lottridge (Reading Level: Grade 5; Interest level 3 to 6), and the non-fiction title is *Stamp Collecting: For Canadian Kids* by Elizabeth MacLeod (Reading Level: Grade 5; Interest level 3 to 6). Visit the Hackmatack page and read the book descriptions at or at visit the website at http://www.hackmatack.ca/books.html.

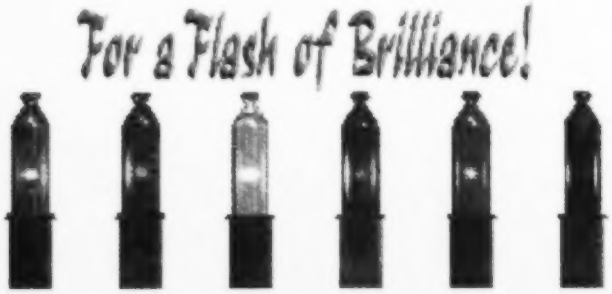
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This is the first in a new series which will introduce some of the people who work or have worked in the Nova Scotia regional public library system over the years. If you would like to see someone in profile (who works or has worked in any capacity in the regional public library system), please give us your suggestions! Contact Gillian Webster at webstegs@gov.ns.ca or phone: 902-424-2478.

Donna and Jonathan both miss many things about Nova Scotia including the people, the ocean, good fiddle music and lobster that isn't $18.00 a pound!

Our first feature is on Donna Bourne-Tyson, who used to be a librarian at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. Donna now lives on the south shore of Lake Nipissing, near Callander, Ontario. She spends most of her time sailing, kayaking, canoeing, roller-blading and cross-country skiing with her husband Jonathan. They are the proud parents of three cats, Newt, Larry and Moe. When duty calls, she is the Systems Manager and Head of AV & Reference at the North Bay Public Library. Lately she's been working on special projects with the City of North Bay such as smart communities, urban CAP, digitization projects and a virtual city hall initiative. Committee work includes being a councillor for OLITA (part of the Ontario Library Association or OLA), treasurer for the Nipissing CAP Site Network, and serving on the board of governors for Nipissing University. Donna and Jonathan both miss many things about Nova Scotia including the people, the ocean, good fiddle music and lobster that isn't $18.00 a pound!

REFERENCE ON THE NET



More reference questions referred to the Provincial Library by the Regional Public Libraries which were answered from resources found on the Internet.

Ask A Librarian.

A. Are there any directories on the Internet which list the names and addresses of film actors and individuals or companies which manage them?

Q. At the Yahoo! search engine site **http://www.yahoo.com** in the Entertainment category click on the Organizations link. One of the sites listed here is for ACTRA: The Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists **http://www.actra.com/home.html** which has a link to the ACTRA Maritimes Talent Directory 2000 at **http://www.actra.com/maritimes/talent.htm.**

This site also has a link through "Services" to the Face to Face With Talent online database at **http://www.cameo.net**. This lists talent from over 200 agencies but access is restricted to those who qualify for it through e-mail application. The North American Performing Arts Managers and Agents web site at **http://www.napama.org/** was also located at the Yahoo! site following the links Entertainment/Performing Arts/Organizations.

Q. Would like instruction material for playing the cello.

A. A search of the Infomine Scholarly Internet Resource Collections/ Visual & Performing Arts site at **http://infomine.ucr.edu/search/artssearch.phtml** using the keywords "cello instruction" located The Internet Cello Society site at **http://www.cello.org/** where there is a "Technique Tips" section. To locate a bibliography of material about the cello including instructional material, click on the Library link and then on the book titled "Reference Works" and this brings up the "ICS Periodical Articles/Documents" page.

Previous "Reference on the Net" columns can be found in a file on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at **http://www.library.ns.ca/provlib/brochure/refser.html**.

LINKed

Since Halifax is one of the ports of call in the exciting Tall Ships 2000 race this summer, some useful sites are featured in this month's Linked column in anticipation of a demand for more information! Tall Ships 2000 Nova Scotia at **http://www.tallships2000.ns.ca** has a list of events in Halifax from July 20th to 24th when the tall ships will be in port and *The Ship's Log* section has a guide to the different types of tall ships. *Tall Ships 2000: The Tall Ships race of the Century* is the official site at **http://www.tallships2000.com** where you can find a race map and schedule. A live race map is featured and visitors to the site can follow the race on a daily basis by clicking on a map. This site also has a list of all the vessels taking part in the race.

The Adventures at Sea site at **http://tqjunior.thinkquest.org/6169/** was created by elementary school students. It has information on clipper ships of the 1800s and children can learn about sailor knots, sea shanties, ship navigation equipment, sailors' crafts and sailing terminology here. There is a quiz which visitors

can take to test their nautical knowledge and a bibliography about sailing and clipper ships.

The American Sail Training Association at **http://tallships.sailtraining.org/** has a *Ships and Events* section where there is a listing of over 225 vessels with links to some ships' web sites. For example the Bluenose II has a web site at **http://www.bluenose2.ns.ca/** as does the "HMS" Rose at **http://www.tallshiprose.org**.

To get the feel of being on a tall ship visit the Tall Ship Adventure at **http://www.t-o.com/into/voyage/** where you can take a virtual voyage aboard a 50-tonne Tall Ship. The Sailing Page by Mark Rosenstein at **http://www.apparent-wind.com/sailing-page.html** has a Tall Ships section which lists web sites for tall ships and related organizations. Other highlights are links to fulltext books about sea adventures in the *Online Sailing Texts* section and an extensive listing of Maritime Museums Online. Unfortunately not all of the links worked at the time of writing.

The Schooner Man site at **http://www.schoonerman.com/** features an alphabetical listing of tall ships with information and links to their web pages as well as Schooner & Sailing Terms.

Tall Ships Books at **http://www.tallshipsbooks.com/** is an online bookstore with books on nautical fiction and maritime and naval history. There is a monthly online newsletter, Bowsprit, an author/title search page and biographical information on some popular authors with links to web sites about them such as the C.S. Forester Society site at **http://www.csforester.org**.

Previous "Linked" columns can be found in a file on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at **http://www.library.ns.ca/provlib/brochure/refser.html**. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at **morrisca@gov.ns.ca**.

PROFESSIONAL READING

In this month's column, two books which should be of particular interest to public libraries are featured. These items can be borrowed through regular interlibrary loan channels. Please send requests via email to Dale MacMillan at **inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca**.

Talan, Carole. **Founding and funding family literacy programs: a how-to-do-it manual for librarians**. New York: Neal-Schuman Pub., 1999. [Call # Prof 027.6 Fal]
The author promotes the view that the library can be a leader in providing programs to support family literacy. The library becomes not only a supplier of some of the program components but assumes the role of the community's primary family literacy provider. The essential point is that libraries are perfectly positioned to play this role because they are almost always the most logical, resource-filled and accessible service agency in a given community. The author assumes no previous experience with family literacy programs. The ten chapters include everything from a basic definition of family literacy to how to do an evaluation of a literacy program.

Vaillancourt, Renee J. **Bare bones adult services: tips for public library generalists**. Chicago: ALA, 2000. [Call # Prof 027 .626 Vai]
This book serves as a starting point in learning how to provide quality library service to teens for any librarian who is responsible for young adult services in addition to their traditional area of expertise, or a media specialist making the transition from an elementary to a secondary school or a new young adult specialist without any formal training in librarianship. It is a practical guide to the philosophy and practice of young adult services.

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